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The Society prints and circulates pamphlets, tracts and volumes, holds public meetings, and maintains correspondence with the friends of peace in other countries, watches against the approach of national hostilities, and strives to avert them by timely remonstrance, and other means of prevention. It endeavors, also, to enlist in this cause the Christian Pulpit, the entire Periodical Press, and all seminaries of learning, as the chief engines for creating or controlling public opinion. By such instrumentalities it hopes in time to induce governments to exchange their present War-System for peaceful methods of settling their difficulties.

The Society, seeking an object of common interest to all good men, invites, without regard to sect in religion, or party in politics, the co-operation of all that are willing for any reason to aid in doing away the custom of International War, and thus insuring permanent "peace on earth, and good-will among men."

**NEED OF FUNDS.**—These operations will require for

full success a large amount of funds in supporting our Central Office and Periodical, in establishing depositories of Peace Publications in great centres through the country, and employing in every State Lecturers and Colporteurs to keep the subject constantly before the mass of the people, and especially to bring it before Ecclesiastical Bodies, Seminaries of Learning and the State and National Legislatures.

**SOURCES OF INCOME.**—These are collections, donations, legacies, and the sale of publications, besides Life-Directorships, fifty dollars; Life-Memberships, twenty dollars; and Annual Memberships, two dollars. To all these the Society's periodical is sent without charge, as also to every minister of the gospel who preaches on the subject not less than once a year, and secures a collection or subscription on behalf of the cause.

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☞ This cause greatly needs a tenfold, if not a fifty-fold increase of funds. A hundred will bequeath to such popular causes as the Bible or the Missionary Society, where one does now to this; and hence our friends, so long as it remains thus neglected, should remember it all the more generously in their wills. Does it not deserve this? If sustained from the start as it might and should have been throughout our country, it might, probably would have averted our late rebellion, which is supposed to have killed or crippled for life nearly a million men, and to have spent or destroyed eight or ten thousand million dollars of property. Can money be used to any better purpose than in preventing such evils?

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The following document, signed in 1853 by distinguished representatives of nine different denominations of Christians, will show the general estimation in which our Society, as well as our cause, is held by such men as President Nott, D.D., LL.D., Bishop Potter of Pennsylvania, Dr. Wayland, President of Brown University, Hon. Theodore Frelinghuysen, LL.D., Isaac Collins, of Philadelphia, Henry Dwight, so long Pres. Am. Home Miss. Soc. All these and some other signers have deceased; but of surviving signers, we append a renewal of their names, along with some additional names, making, in all, the representatives of ten different denominations.

The cause of Peace we regard as an eminently philanthropic and Christian enterprise of great importance, and every way worthy of sympathy and support. It has already accomplished much good with a very small outlay of money. It would doubtless accomplish vastly more, if it possessed adequate means; and we think it deserves, as it certainly

needs, a large increase of funds. The American Peace Society, charged with the care of this cause in our own country, and whose management has deservedly secured very general approbation, we cordially commend to the liberal patronage of the benevolent in all religious denominations; more especially to men of wealth, on whom this enterprise, more than almost any other, must chiefly depend for support."

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